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The Secret Service acknowledges denying some past requests by Trump's campaign for tighter security

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE **Associated Press** REHOBOTH BEACH, Del. (AP)

— The Secret Service has acknowledged it denied some requests by Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's campaign for increased security at his events in the years before the assassination attempt on him at a recent rally.In the immediate aftermath of the July 13 attack, the law enforcement agency had denied rejecting such requests. But the Secret acknowledged Service late Saturday, a week after the attempt on Trump's life, that it had turned back some requests to increase security around the former president.

a key focus of a congressional hearing Monday where Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle is expected to appear before lawmakers who have been expressing anger over security lapses that allowed a 20-year-old gunman to climb atop the roof of a nearby building at Trump's rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, and fire his weapon.

Trump was wounded in the right ear, one rallygoer was killed and two others were injured. Secret Service gunmen killed the shooter.

The attack on Trump was the most serious attempt to assassinate a president or presidential candidate since Ronald Reagan was shot in 1981. It was the lat-The reversal is likely to be est in a series of security



Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle attends a news conference, June 4, 2024, in Chicago.

Associated Press

lapses by the agency that has drawn investigations and public scrutiny over the years.

"The Secret Service has a vast, dynamic, and intricate mission. Every day we work in a dynamic threat environment to ensure our protectees are safe and secure across multiple events, travel, and other challenging environments," the agency's chief spokesperson, Anthony Guglielmi, said in a statement released late Saturday to The Washington Post. The newspaper was first to report on the agency's reversal, which it said was based on detailed auestions submitted to the agency.

"We execute a comprehensive and layered strategy to balance personnel, technology, and specialized operational needs," Guglielmi said.

He said the agency will rely on state and local law enforcement departments in some cases where specialized Secret Service units are unavailable.

"In some instances where specific Secret Service specialized units or resources were not provided, the agency made modifications to ensure the security of the protectee," Gugliemi said. "This may include utilizing state or local partners to provide specialized functions or otherwise identifying alternatives to reduce public exposure of a protectee."

tempt, as reports began to circulate that the agency had denied the Trump campaign's requests, Guglielmi issued a denial.

There is "an untrue assertion that a member of the investigating.

former President's team requested additional security resources & that those were rebuffed," Gugliemi said in a social media post. "This is absolutely false. In fact, we added protective resources & technology & capabilities as part of the increased campaign travel tempo."

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has called what happened a "failure" while several lawmakers have called on Cheatle to resign or for President Joe Biden to fire her. The Secret Service has said Cheatle does not intend to step down. So far, she retains the support of Biden, a Democrat, and Mayorkas.

But the agency's acknowledgement that it had denied some of the campaign's requests sparked fresh condemnation on Sunday.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., said on CNN's "State of the Union, that the reversal "is just beyond the pale" and that Cheatle's 'got a lot to answer for."

Johnson said lawmakers on Monday would release details about a bipartisan congressional task force that will investigate the Secret Service.

Rep. James Comer, chairman of the House Oversight and Accountability Committee, which has subpoenaed Cheatle to appear at a hearing on Monday, said the Secret Service has a more than \$3 billion annual budget that "is more than enough" to provide adequate protection.

"We want to know who's at fault for what happened," the Kentucky Republican

Trump's son, Eric Trump, said Cheatle should resign in "absolute disgrace."

"The fact that she is still in her job is beyond," he After the assassination at- said on Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures,"

> Biden has ordered an independent investigation. The Homeland Security Department and congressional committee are also



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Heat-related Texas deaths climb after Beryl left millions without power for days or longer

By JAMIE STENGLE and **LEKAN OYEKANMI Associated Press**

SPRING, **Texas** (AP) — As the temperature soared in the Houston-area home Janet Jarrett shared with her sister after losing electricity in Hurricane Beryl, she did everything she could to keep her 64-year-old sibling cool.

But on their fourth day without power, she awoke to hear Pamela Jarrett, who used a wheelchair and relied on a feeding tube, gasping for breath. Paramedics were called but she was pronounced dead at the hospital, with the medical examiner saying her death was caused by the heat

"It's so hard to know that she's gone right now because this wasn't supposed to happen to her," Janet Jarrett said.

Almost two weeks after Beryl hit, heat-related deaths during the prolonged pow-



Janet Jarrett shows a photo of her sister, Pamela Jarrett, she keeps on her phone at the home they shared Friday, July 19, 2024, in Spring, Texas.

Associated Press

er outages have pushed the number of storm-related fatalities to at least 23 in

The combination of searing summer heat and residents unable to power up air conditioning in the days after the Category 1 storm made landfall on July 8 resulted in increasingly dangerous conditions for some in America's fourth-largest Beryl knocked out electricity to nearly 3 million homes and businesses at the height of the outages, which lasted days or much longer, and hospitals reported a spike in heat-related illnesses.

Power finally was restored to most by last week, after over a week of widespread outages. The slow pace in the Houston area put the region's electric provider,

CenterPoint Energy, under mounting scrutiny over whether it was sufficiently prepared.

While it may be weeks or even years before the full human toll of the storm in Texas is known, understanding that number helps plan for the future, experts say. What is known about the deaths so far?

Just after the storm hit, bringing high winds and flooding, the deaths included people killed by falling trees and people who drowned when their vehicles became submerged in floodwaters. In the days after the storm passed, deaths included people who fell while cutting limbs on damaged trees and heat-related deaths.

Half of the deaths attributed to the storm in Harris County, where Houston is located, were heat related, according to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Jarrett, who has cared for her sister since she was injured in an attack six years ago, said her "sassy" sister had done everything from owning a vintage shop in Harlem, New York, to working as an artist.

"She had a big personality," Jarrett said, adding that her sister had been in good health before they lost electricity at their Spring home.

When will a complete death toll be known?

With power outages and cleanup efforts still ongoing, the death toll likely will continue to climb.

Officials are still working to determine if some deaths that have already occurred should be considered storm related. But even when those numbers come in, getting a clear picture of the storm's toll could take much more time.

Salt Lake City wildfire prompts mandatory evacuations uphill from Utah's state capitol

Associated Press

A wildfire in Salt Lake City forced people living uphill from Utah's state capitol to evacuate, and it remained uncontained Sunday as more than 100 firefighters worked to protect nearby homes.

Helicopters and airplanes were dropping buckets over the flames as ground crews tried to contain the line tirst tire crew was disfire on Ensign Peak. Firefighters were working to save homes about about 1.2 miles (1.9 kilometers) up East Capitol Boulevard, and evacuees were offered a space in the capitol complex where they could

escape the heat.

"With the heat, as well as the wind direction and just the temperatures out here and the fuel moisture, it's kind of a recipe that we could have a quickly running fire," Division Chief Bob Silverthorne of the Salt Lake City Fire Department said at a Saturday news briefing.

patched around 4:30 p.m. Saturday and more than six different emergency agencies joined the effort, Silverthorne said.

Police officers knocked on doors to warn homeowners after the fire depart-



A plane drops fire retardant as the Sandhurst Fire burns above Ensign Peak north of Salt Lake City on Saturday, July 20, 2024. **Associated Press**

ment ordered a mandato- Drive, north of Dorchester

ry evacuation for an area Drive. A voluntary evacuaof 40 homes on Sandhurst tion was ordered Saturday

along East Capitol. There were no immediate reports of injuries or structure damage, he said.

Officials did not know the exact cause or origin of the brush fire, which grew to about 200 acres. By Sunday morning, the Utah Fire Info website listed the blaze as human-caused, and zeropercent contained. Hot and ary conditions were expected to continue Sun-

Overall, Utah has had 585 fires burning over 40,000 acres so far this wildfire season, and 421 of them have been human-caused, the website says.



Biden drops out of 2024 race after disastrous debate inflamed age concerns. VP Harris gets his nod

By ZEKE MILLER, COLLEEN LONG and DARLENE SUPER-VILLE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden dropped out of the 2024 race for the White House on Sunday, ending his bid for reelection after a disastrous debate with Donald Trump that raised doubts about the incumbent's fitness for office. The unprecedented announcement, delivered less than four months before the election, immediately upended a campaign that both political parties view as the most consequential in generations.

The president — intent on serving out the remainder of his term in office — quickly endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to take on Trump and encouraged his party to unite behind her, making her the party's instant favorite for the nomination at its August convention in Chicago.

The announcement is the latest jolt to a tumultuous campaign for the White House, coming a week after the attempted assassination of Trump at a Pennsylvania rally.

A party's presumptive presidential nominee has never stepped out of the race so close to the election. President Lyndon Johnson, besieged by the Vietnam War, announced in March 1968 that he would not seek another term after just a single state's primary. Biden's July decision comes after more than 14 million Democrats cast votes supporting him through the primary process.

Harris, in a statement, praised Biden's "selfless and patriotic act" and said she intends to "earn and win" her party's nomination.

"I will do everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party — and unite our nation — to defeat Donald Trump and his extreme Project 2025 agenda," she said.

Biden's decision to bow out came after escalating pressure from his Demo-



Vice President Kamala Harris embraces President Joe Biden after a speech on healthcare in Raleigh, N.C., March. 26, 2024.

Associated Press

cratic allies to step aside following the June 27 debate, in which the 81-year-old president trailed off, often gave nonsensical answers and failed to call out the former president's many falsehoods.

"It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your President. And while it has been my intention to seek reelection, I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term," Biden wrote in a letter posted Sunday to his X account.

Nearly 30 minutes after he delivered the news that he was folding his campaign, Biden threw his support behind Harris.

"Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year," he said in another post on X. "Democrats — it's time to come together and beat Trump."

There were early signs that the party was moving to coalesce around Harris, who scored the endorsements of the Congressional Black Caucus and former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton even before she had commented on Biden's decision to quit the race. But notably, former President Barack Obama

held off, pledging support behind the eventual party nominee.

"We are honored to join the President in endorsing Vice President Harris and will do whatever we can to support her," former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said in a statement. But Obama, who had privately shared doubts about Biden's reelection chances, stopped short of endorsing Harris even as he praised Biden for his decision to leave the race.

"I have extraordinary confidence that the leaders of our party will be able to create a process from which an outstanding nominee emerges," he said in a statement.

Biden's decision came as he has been isolating at his Delaware beach house after being diagnosed with COVID-19 last week, huddling with a shrinking circle of close confidants and family members about his political future. Biden said he would address the nation later this week to provide "detail" about his decision.

Harris found out about Biden's plans on Sunday morning and senior campaign and White House staff were notified just minutes before the letter went out, according to people familiar with the matter who commented on the private discussions on con-

dition of anonymity. Biden had been reflecting on his future for the past couple days and the decision was closely held.

Now, Democrats have to urgently try to bring coherence to the nominating process in a matter of weeks and convince voters in a stunningly short amount of time that their nominee can handle the job and beat Trump. And for his part, Trump must shift his focus to a new opponent after years of training his attention on Biden.

The decision marks a swift and stunning end to Biden's 52 years in electoral politics, as donors, lawmakers and even aides expressed to him their doubts that he could convince voters that he could plausibly handle the job for another four years.

Biden won the vast majority of delegates and every nominating contest but one, which would have made his nomination a formality. Now that he has dropped out, those delegates will be free to support another candidate.

Harris, 59, appeared to be the natural successor, in large part because she is the only candidate who can directly tap into the Biden campaign's war chest, according to federal campaign finance rules.

Biden's campaign formally changed its name to Harris for President, reflecting that she is inheriting his political operation — a sign of the leg up she has in the race for the Democratic nomination. Democratic groups, including the Democratic National Committee, also filed paperwork changing the names of their joint fundraising committees to reflect Harris' candidacy.

The Democratic National Convention is scheduled to be held Aug. 19-22 in Chicago, but the party had announced it would hold a virtual roll call to formally nominate Biden before inperson proceedings begin. It remained to be seen whether other candidates would challenge Harris for

the nomination. The Democratic National Committee's chair, Jaime Harrison, said in a statement that the party would "undertake a transparent and orderly process" to select "a candidate who can defeat Donald Trump in November."

Trump reacted to the news in a post on his Truth Social site, in which he said Biden "was not fit to run for President, and is certainly not fit to serve."

"We will suffer greatly because of his presidency, but we will remedy the damage he has done very quickly," he added. "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!" While Trump and his team had made their preference for facing Biden clear, his campaign had nonetheless ramped up its attacks on Harris as pressure on Biden to step down intensified.

Democratic officials, including many who were behind the effort to push Biden from the race, quickly released statements praising Biden's decision.

"His decision of course was not easy, but he once again put his country, his party, and our future first," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "Joe, today shows you are a true patriot and great American."

House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York praised Biden as "one of the most accomplished and consequential leaders in American history."

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson said Biden should immediately resign if he is not fit enough to run for office. In a statement, Johnson said, "November 5 cannot arrive soon enough."

In addition to his planned address to the country, Biden still intends to host Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House this week, according to a person familiar with the president's schedule who was not authorized to comment publicly.



Israel shoots down a missile fired from Yemen hours after a deadly Israeli strike on Houthi rebels

By JOSEF FEDERMAN and MICHAEL WAKIN Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military said it intercepted a missile fired from Yemen early Sunday, hours after Israeli warplanes struck several Houthi targets in the Arabian Peninsula country.

The Israeli airstrikes — in response to a deadly Houthi drone strike on Tel Aviv — were the first time Israel is known to have responded to repeated Houthi attacks throughout its nine-month war against Hamas. The burst of violence between the distant enemies has threatened to open a new front as Israel battles a series of Iranian proxies across the region.

The Israeli army late Saturday confirmed the airstrikes in the western Yemeni port city of Hodeidah, a Houthi stronghold and crucial entry point for aid and other supplies. It said the strikes, carried out by dozens of aircraft, including U.S.made F-15 and F-35 warplanes, were a response to hundreds of Houthi attacks. The Health Ministry in Yemen said the Israeli strikes killed six people and wounded 83 others, many with severe



Oil tanks burn at the port in Hodeidah, Yemen, Saturday, July 20, 2024.

Associated Press

burns from a major fire. Another three people were region, missing, the ministry said in a statement shared by the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV. Houthi spokesman Mohamother etrated

Houthi spokesman Mohammed Abdulsalam posted on X that the "blatant Israeli aggression" targeted fuel storage facilities and the province's power station.

"The Israeli enemy picked those targets specifically as part of their targeting of the Yemeni economy," said Abdul-Malek al-Houthi, leader of the rebels.

The Israeli military said that the surface-to-surface missile fired Sunday was intercepted before reaching Israeli territory.

Israel, along with the U.S., the U.K. and other West-

ern allies with forces in the region, have intercepted almost all of the Houthi missiles and drones. But early Friday, a Houthi drone penetrated Israel's air defenses and crashed into Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial and cultural capital, killing one person.

An Israeli air force official said Sunday that human error accidentally classified the drone as a non-threat as Israel was simultaneously tracking other drones launched from Yemen and approaching Israel from the east.

The Israeli military said Saturday's strike on Hodeidah, about 1,700 kilometers (more than 1,000 miles) from Israel, was among the most complicated and longest-distance operations by its air force. It said it hit the port because the area is used to deliver Iranian arms to Yemen.

Israel's defense minister, Yoav Gallant, vowed to carry out similar strikes "in any place where it may be required."

The Houthis are among several Iranian-backed groups to have attacked Israel in solidarity with Hamas since the Oct. 7 attack by the Palestinian militant group triggered the ongoing Israeli offensive in Gaza.

In addition to fighting Hamas, the Israeli military has been engaged in daily clashes with the Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon. These clashes have raised concerns that the fighting could spill over into a full-blown war with Lebanon and beyond.

Yemen has been engulfed in civil war since 2014, when the Houthis seized much of the north and forced the internationally recognized government to flee from Sanaa. A Saudi-led coalition intervened in support of government forces, and in time the conflict turned into a proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

The war has killed more than 150,000 people, including fighters and civilians, and created one of the world's worst humanitarian disasters.

The Houthis said Israel's attacks will only make Yemen's people and armed forces more determined to support Gaza. "There will be impactful strikes," Mohamed Ali al-Houthi of the Supreme Political Council in Yemen wrote on X.

"All of this won't stop the Yemeni people or the Yemeni leadership, military and missile forces in targeting the Israeli entities," said Moatasem Abdel Salah, a Sanaa resident.

Since January, U.S. and U.K. forces have been striking targets in Yemen, in response to the Houthis' attacks on commercial shipping that the rebels have described as retaliation for Israel's actions in the war in Gaza. However, many of the ships targeted weren't linked to Israel.

On Sunday, officials said that the Houthis repeatedly targeted a Liberia-flagged container vessel transiting the Red Sea, the latest assault by the group on the crucial maritime trade route.

Civilians killed and wounded as Russia and Ukraine trade attacks. Russia claims gains in the east

By SAMYA KULLAB Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russia and Ukraine exchanged drone, missile and shelling attacks on Sunday. At least two people were killed in Ukrainian strikes on the partly Russian-occupied Donetsk region, Russian state media said, while Ukrainian officials said Russian strikes wounded at least five people.

Along the front line in the east, Russia said it had taken control of two villages, one in the Kharkiv region and one in the Luhansk region.

Ukrainian shelling of Russiaheld areas of the Donetsk region killed two people in the village of Horlivka, Rus-



In this photo provided by Ukraine's 24th Mechanised Brigade press service, servicemen of the 24th Mechanised Brigade fire 155mm M-109 "Paladin" howitzer towards Russian forces near the frontline town of Chasiv Yar, Donetsk region, Ukraine, Saturday, July 20, 2024.

Associated Press

sian state news agency RIA Novosti said.

Three people were wounded by Russian drone strikes in southern Ukraine's partly

occupied Kherson region, local officials said Sunday morning. In the country's northeast, officials in the Kharkiv region said two people were wounded when a village was hit by Russian shells.

Overnight into Sunday, Ukraine's air defenses intercepted 35 of the 39 drones launched by Russia, according to air force commander Mykola Oleschuk. In addition, Russia launched three ballistic missiles and two guided air missiles, which did not reach their targets, he said. Russia's Ministry of Defense said Sunday that its troops had taken control of two villages: Pishchane Nizhne in the Kharkiv region and Andriivka, sometimes referred to as Rozivka, in the Luhansk region. Kyiv did not immediately comment.

Officials in the northern

Sumy region said Sunday that Russia launched a missile strike on "critical infrastructure facilities" in the city of Shostka. City mayor Mykola Noha specified that "two heating facilities" had been destroyed and called on residents to use electricity sparingly and stock up on water.

With few changes reported along the 1,000-kilometer (600-mile) front line, where a recent push by the Kremlin's forces in eastern and northeastern Ukraine has made only incremental gains, both sides in the war have taken aim at infrastructure targets — seeking to curb each other's ability to fight in a war that is now in its third year.



China and the Philippines reach deal in effort to stop clashes at fiercely disputed shoal

By JIM GOMEZ **Associated Press** MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

China and the Philippines reached a deal they hope will end confrontations at the most fiercely disputed shoal in the South China Sea, the Philippine government said Sunday.

The Philippines occupies Second Thomas Shoal but China also claims it, and increasingly hostile clashes at sea have sparked fears of larger conflicts that could involve the United States.

The crucial deal reached on Sunday, after a series of meetings between Philippine and Chinese diplomats in Manila and exchanges of diplomatic notes that aimed to establish a mutually acceptable arrangement at the shoal without conceding either side's territorial claims.

Two Philippine officials, who have knowledge of the negotiations, confirmed the deal to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity and the government later issued a brief statement announcing the deal without providing details.

"Both sides continue to recognize the need to dees-



Philippine resupply vessel Unaizah May 4, center, is hit by two Chinese coast guard water canons as they tried to enter the Second Thomas Shoal, locally known as Ayungin Shoal, in the disputed South China Sea, March 5, 2024.

Associated Press

calate the situation in the ments could be forged South China Sea and manage differences through dialogue and consultation and agree that the agreement will not prejudice each other's positions in the South China Sea," the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila said.

Neither side has yet released the text of the agreement.

China has disputes with several governments over land and sea borders, many of them in the South China Sea, and the rare deal with the Philippines could spark hope that similar arrange-

by Beijing with other rival countries to avoid clashes while thorny territorial issues remain unresolved. It remains to be seen, however, if the deal could be implemented successfully and how long it will last.

Chinese coast guard and other forces have used powerful water cannons and dangerous blocking maneuvers to prevent food and other supplies from reaching Filipino navy personnel at Manila's outpost at the shoal.

yearslong territorial The standoff at the shoal has flared repeatedly since last year between Chinese coast guard, navy and suspected militia ships and Philippine coast guardescorted navy boats transporting food, water and fresh navy and marine personnel to an outpost on a long-grounded and rusting warship, the BRP Sierra Madre.

In the worst confrontation, Chinese forces on motorboats repeatedly rammed and then boarded two Philippine navy boats on June 17 to prevent Filipino personnel from transferring food and other supplies including firearms to the ship outpost in the shallows of the shoal, according to the Philippine government.

After repeated ramming, the Chinese seized the Philippine navy boats and damaged them with machetes and improvised spears. They also seized seven M4 rifles, which were packed in cases, and other supplies. The violent faceoff wounded several Filipino navy personnel, including one who lost his thumb, in a chaotic skirmish that was captured in video and photos that were later made public by Philippine

officials.

China and the Philippines blamed each other for the confrontation and each asserted their own sovereign rights over the shoal, which Filipinos call Ayungin and the Chinese call Ren'ai Jiao.

The United States and its key Asian and Western allies, including Japan and Australia, condemned the Chinese acts at the shoal and called for the rule of law and freedom of navigation to be upheld in the South China Sea, a key global trade route with rich fishing areas and undersea gas deposits.

In addition to China and the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan have been locked in separate but increasingly tense territorial disputes in the waterway, which is regarded as a potential flashpoint and a delicate fault line in the U.S.-China regional rivalry. The U.S. military has deployed navy ships and fighter jets for decades in what it calls freedom of navigation and overflight patrols, which China has opposed and regards as a threat to regional stability.

Anti-whaling campaigner arrested in Greenland and police say he may be extradited to Japan

BERLIN (AP) — Greenland police said they arrested a veteran environmental activist and anti-whaling campaigner on Sunday on an international arrest warrant issued by Japan.

Paul Watson was arrested when his ship docked in Nuuk, Greenland's capital, a police statement said. He will be brought before a district court with a request to detain him pending a decision on his possible extradition to Japan, the statement said.

The Captain Paul Watson Foundation said that more than a dozen police boarded the vessel and led Watson away in handcuffs when it stopped to refuel. The foundation said

the ship, along with 25 volunteer crew members, was en route to the North Pacific on a mission to intercept a new Japanese whaling

"The arrest is believed to be related to a former Red Notice issued for Captain Watson's previous antiwhaling interventions in the Antarctic region," the foundation said in an emailed statement.

"We implore the Danish government to release Captain Watson and not entertain this politicallymotivated request," Locky MacLean, a foundation director, said in the statement.

Greenland is an autonomous territory of Denmark.



Paul Watson, then founder and President of the animal rights and environmental Sea Shepherd Conservation, attends a demonstration against the Costa Rican government near Germany's President residence during a visit of Costa Rica's president in Berlin, Germany, on Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

Associated Press

Watson, a 73-year-old Ca- a former head of the Sea nadian-American citizen, is Shepherd Conservation Society whose direct action tactics, including high-seas confrontations with whaling vessels, has drawn support from A-list celebrities and featured in the reality television series "Whale Wars." However, it has also brought him into confrontation with authorities. He was detained in Germany in 2012 on a Costa Rican extradition warrant, but skipped bail after learning that he was also sought for extradition by Japan, which has accused him of endangering whalers' lives during operations in the Antarctic Ocean. He has since lived in countries including France and the United States.



A New Culinary Journey: Windows on Aruba Restaurant Introduces Limited-Time Pop-Up Menu 'Mesa Latina'

Robust flavors and zingy cocktails are featured on renowned Executive Chef Darwin Torres' new Latin-fusion dinner menu at Windows on Aruba. Your tastebuds will say Olé!



ORANJESTAD, ARUBA — Latin America's vibrant, summery essence and flavors can now be found in Aruba at the famous Windows on Aruba restaurant. On Wednesday, May 22, the restaurant is set to launch a limited-time popup menu: Mesa Latina. This exciting new menu, expertly crafted by renowned Executive Chef Darwin Torres, promises a fusion of traditional Latin influences and contemporary culinary techniques to make your tastebuds say olé! Mesa Latina is poised to revolutionize Aruba's dining landscape with a mouthwatering combination of flavors from Latin America and beyond.

Drawing inspiration from his upbringing and exten-

sive travels, Chef Torres has meticulously crafted a menu that celebrates the culinary traditions of Latin America. "Mesa Latina represents the culmination of decades spent exploring the diverse flavors and culinary trends across various Latin countries during my travels and the culture rooted in my heritage," he says proudly. "I hope these dishes delight your palate and bring our guests memorable new dining experiences here in Aruba."

"Latin cuisine oYers an expansive canvas where we can creatively incorporate ingredients from the entire American region," says Torres. "This menu features a mosaic of flavors from North, Central,

and South America, with a Caribbean, Asian, and Middle Eastern twist.

Each dish on our menu reflects a heartfelt homage to the dynamic fusion of cultures that define Latin cuisine."

Mesa Latina by Windows on Aruba is poised to captivate the palates of discerning diners, oYering a complete sensory journey. A bright perimeter of floorto-ceiling windows circles the dining room, so your experience will be illuminated by late afternoon sun rays and spectacular panoramic views of the sun setting over Divi's lush golf greens. This expansive restaurant is perfect for intimate tables or large family gatherings where great conversation, dish sharing, and dining memories are encouraged.

Expect savory classic comfort dishes like the deep-fried coxinha, a delightful array of inventive cold and hot starters like grilled octopus and fresh ceviche, hearty meat creations, succulent seafood, and healthy vegan specialties, all perfectly accompanied by zingy and refreshing



cocktails. Don't forget to snap some photos—Torres is known for his flavorful cooking, impressive culinary artistry, and beautiful plating techniques.

If you're itching to try out these new dishes for brunch, you're in luck! For a limited time, you can sample some of them starting May 24 on Windows on Aruba's Friday and Saturday Late Night Brunch menu and May 26 during the Sunday Brunch menu.

Whether you seek a memorable new dining experience or an exquisite meal with stunning views, Mesa Latina promises to deliver an unforgettable culinary adventure. View the full menu here, and be amongst the

first to dine at Mesa Latina by making reservations on OpenTable, calling 297-523-5017, or emailing clubhouse@ diviresorts.com.

All-inclusive guests staying at Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort, Divi Dutch Village Beach Resort, Tamarijn All-Inclusive, and Divi Aruba All-Inclusive may dine for dinner at Windows on Aruba for \$55 per person (beverages not included). Some items may be at an additional charge. There is no special pricing for Late-Night or Sunday Brunch. Buen provecho!

Windows on Aruba is located on the top floor of the Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort clubhouse: J.E. Irausquin Blvd 93, Oranjestad, Aruba.

Best spots to view the sunset

(Oranjestad)—Today we celebrate Valentine 's Day, and what can be more romantic than surprising your partner with a date watching the sunset. Aruba's sunset leave many speechless, and luckily, the best spots to view the sunset are entirely accessible and easy to find. Here are some of the best places to view the sunset on the island.

California Light House

Of course, being one of the highest point easily accessible to locals and tourists, the California Light House hill not only offers a tremendous view of the sunset, but also a breath taking scenery of most of the island. In the distance you can spot all the hotels, the western shoreline

and the wild waves that crash on the northern side of the island.

Manchebo & Eagle Beach

Speaking of the western shoreline, the best spots for viewing the sunset on the beach has to be either Manchebo Beach or at Eagle Beach, which stretch along the entire western coast of the island starting from behind Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort up to the Amsterdam Manor roundabout. The sunset on these beaches is truly breathtaking; the sky and ocean look so big and spacious, and paired with the orange/pink hue of the sunset, the white sandy beaches and the soft sounds of waves crashing—it can only be described as an experience!*

Arashi Beach

Another beach that has to be considered as another great spot to view the sunset. Arashi Beach is the last beach you will find along the western coast line, just before you drive up the hill to the California Light House. A favorite for surfers and body boarders, the Arashi sky stretches out for miles, lending a spectacular canvas for the sun to create a masterpiece of orange, pink and purple hue.

Hooiberg Hill

These last two options are for more active couples. If you and your partner like to hike, the Hooiberg Hill may be a great place for you to get your daily workout in



and enjoy a beautiful view of the sunset and the island as a little reward. Climb on top the 587-step stairs and reach the top to enjoy this incredible scenery.

Casibari Rock Formation

If you're a rock climber, you might enjoy watching the sunset on top of the Casibari Rock Formation. It's no

Yosemite, but it does offer a fun little exercise to get to the top. But if you prefer not to get your hands a little dirty, you can always use the stairs in the back.

Editor's note: This spot may be my personal favorite, if you couldn't already tell...



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WOWO Eyewear celebrates its first birthday!



(Oranjestad)—This past Saturday, July 20th, marked a milestone event for the de Vries sibling duo as they celebrated the one-year anniversary of their eyewear brand WOWO Eyewear in the company of friends, family and beloved loyal clients.

Held under colorful, festive décorand accompanied by exquisite catering from Bodegas Papiamento, the celebratory meeting took place at none other than The Specialists Aruba in Oranjestad; a long-standing and most recognized optometrist clinic on Aruba and home to both WOWO Eyewear as well as the de Vries duo.



Born to an optometrist father and a financial advisor mother who have been running The Specialists since the mid-nineties, the de Vries duo-Marcus and Iris—acquired their entrepreneurial streak from early childhood, from helping around the clinic growing up, to joining trade shows around the US and Europe during their teenage years.

As adults, Marcus followed in his father's footsteps and became a licensed optician and contact lenses specialist, while Iris found her calling in marketing and communications. After years of living abroad, the siblings reunited in 2020 on the island. Today, they are business partners and experts in the optical industry.

WOWO Eyewear as a brand embodies quality and beauty, blending classic and modern styles, offering a varied collection that all would love. Handcrafted in Italy using premium materials, the collection strives to reflect the duo's commitment and expertise, while paying homage to the style wave of this generation's eyewear lovers. These include colorful and funky frames for fashion-forward aficionados, as well



as simple and chic designs for those who appreciate the timeless look.



WOWO Eyewear is available at The Specialists, situated in the Cayena Mall at 222 Caya G. F. Betico Croes, Oranjestad, Aruba. The Specialists is open Mondays through Fridays, from 9am to 6pm, and Saturday from 9am to 5pm. For more information, please call (297) 290-2020 or (297) 640-2020.

Why You Should Not Miss Aruba's Free City Center Street Car Tour

ORANJESTAD - Aruba's City Center year-round trade winds. Street Car - or as we call it in Dutch: "Tram van Oranjestad' - is a single track tram line in Oranjestad, the capital city of Aruba. It was inaugurated on 22 December 2012, being the first and so far the only passenger rail service on Aruba and the rest of the Dutch Caribbean. There are two trolleys, a single-deck one with 42 seats and a double-decker with 64 seats. The line was inspired by the popular battery-powered streetcar operation at the Grove in Los Angeles, USA. Aruba's streetcars are powered by hydrogen fuel cells, which are charged by the island's

Caya Betico Croes, mostly referred to as our "main street" has been developed into a pollution-free pedestrian mall. The double-decker offers you a 360 degree view of the down town area with a picture perfect scenery of the island's clear blue skies. Who would not enjoy a ride on this beautiful and naturally air-conditioned vehicle? The tour consists of a total of 9 stops approximately 200 meters apart from each other; all stops are clearly marked. The tram will bring you close to different museums, historical plazas, monuments, the

Protestant church, Aruba's high-end mall, retail shops, and a variety of local and international cuisine restaurants. The "I love Aruba" trademark also belongs to that list. The third stop on the route is close to a 5-minute walk to the famous Renaissance Marina showcasina luxurious yachts and Aruba's blue waters.

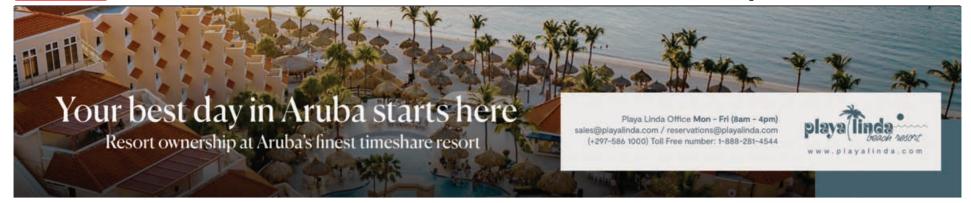
The "Tram van Oranjestad" starts from a balloon loop near the Port of Call and serves the downtown area and ends at Plaza Nicky. The first ride starts at 10:00 am sharp with intervals of 25minutes. The last trolley departs from the cruise port at



5:00pm. Don't miss this tour of the beautiful Aruba's City Center- it is free for all!



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Dining in? Try making a local favorite How to make "funchi hasa"



(Oranjestad)—A night in can be just as fun as a night out on the town, especially if you got the right snacks to munch on. One of the most famous Aruban snacks or appetizers is "funchi hasa" (fried polenta sticks). A super easy meal that adults and children will both enjoy. Here's how to make it!

Before we start, get to know the basics

So what is funchi hasa? Funchi, or Aruban polenta, is a popular side dish for local dishes, like soups, stews and fried fish. Made from a corn flour. water and butter mixture, this appe-



tizer is traditionally eaten alonaside a warm meal. However, locals also like to fry sticks of funchi for a quick and filling snack.

Ingredients (measured by heart)

- 1. Polenta flour*
- 2. Water
- 3. Butter
- Salt to taste

Directions

Bring water to a boil in a mediumsized sauce pan. Add in some salt and butter to taste in the boiling water and let this dissolve and melt. Then, gradually add the flour while stirring with a wooden spoon. The mixture will start to begin to harden pretty fast, so be careful not to add too much. At this phase of cooking, you want a goopy thick mixture, but thin enough so you can continue to stir to get all the lumps out.

After reaching a semi-firm, yet flexible texture, grab a baking pan or any large, deep plate, and pour the mixture in. Be sure that this plate is wet or greased so that the mixture does not stick to the bottom. Let this cool completely while it firms up for the last time. Once it's cooled you can enjoy it as is, topped with some butter or shredded cheese. Or, you can take it to another level of deliciousness.



When your funchi is firm enough, cut it into strips (size is up to you). Heat up some oil in a pan and fry those babies up! After frying, you can top it with some cheese or enjoy it with your favorite dipping sauce.

Note: We recommend the FUNCHI FRESKU polenta flour brand that is sold in all supermarkets on the island. You can also use yellow corn flour from the brand PAN.

Photo credit of fried funchi sticks: Jacqueline Felida on Pinterest.

Create museum memories

an integral part of conserving and honoring cultures, and Aruba is no exception. Our Island has a wide selection of various museums for our locals and visitors to see. Take this opportunity to learn about our island and experience a different day beyond the beach. Let us introduce to you these museums.

Museum of Industry Aruba

The Museum of Industry is located in San Nicolas—better known as the art capital of Aruba. This museum exhibits the industrial history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and tourism through elaborated displays and multimedia installations.

The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history, which began in the 19th century. The Water Tower was built in 1939 and consists of three sections: the

ORANJESTAD — Museums are substructure, the high-rising vertical shaft, and the tank at the top. The Water Tower was purchased by the Monuments Fund in 2003 so it can be restored and preserved as one of Aruba's monuments. The Museum of Industry is part of Aruba Museum Foundation (Fundacion Museo Aruban), which is a foundation set to maintain, preserve, and protect the Aruban cultural sector, history, and nature. The museum of Industry is open daily from 9 am till 6 pm. For more information, check out their Facebook page Museum of Industry Aruba.

Archaeological Museum of Aruba

The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is located at Schelpstraat 42 in downtown Oranjestad. The renovated historic Ecury complex in the area has been transformed from a family home to a modern museum that preserves Aruba's

Amerindian cultural heritage. This 21st century museum is especially designed to preserve valuable artifacts dating back to the Pre-Ceramic period of 2500 BC.

In the late 1980's, AMA identified its need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.

These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly Dutch colonial architecture from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1.700 m2. In 1997, the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004, a financial agreement was



signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006, restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the soon-to-be exhibition space. In December 2007, the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the permanent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union of Cultural Organizations (UNOCA), opened in July 2009.

At the new location, the National Archaeological Museum Aruba disposes of approximately 500 m2 for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit conveys information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island through archaeological objects and modern exhibition techniques. The new permanent exhibit gives the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum also hosts attractive public programs, including lectures, educational projects, temporary exhibits and workshops.

The museum is open daily from 9:30 am till 4:30 pm. For more information check out the Facebook page Museo Arqueologico Nacional Aruba.

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Adriaan Laclé

One of Aruba's richest men in the twentieth century



(Oranjestad)—The name Adriaan Laclé may ring a bell to locals as one of the bigger roads on the island, but about a century ago, Adriaan Laclé was a rich businessman, well-known for his generosity, wealth, and taste.

Adriaan was born in 1866 and was

the eldest of six children. Not much is known about his childhood upbringing or any of his earlier business ordeals, but during his hay day he often helped people get loans, was a well-established trader, and owned several plots of land. In fact, he commissioned the construction of the famous La Quinta Carmen manor—now a restaurant. Though he himself never lived in the beautiful manor, his own house also reflected his success and good taste. Today his house still stands in good condition and can be found in the back streets of main street Oranjestad.

Regarding his personal life, it has been said that he was married twice during his lifetime. He had his first daughter during his first marriage but lost his wife soon after her birth. During his second marriage, he fathered 16 children. However, it has been said that only 11 of those 17 made it past 18 years of age. Perhaps two of his most well-known daughters are Maria Monica Laclé



and Maria Veneranda Laclé, who went on to marry successful brothers Eloy Arends and Maximilian Arends, respectively. Their houses are still standing; Eloy and Maria Monica's mansion functions as a townhall, used to host civil marriages, while Maximilian and Maria Veneranda's

house stands on the opposite side of the road to them—though currently under renovation after years left in ruin.

Source: De Kolibrie op de Rots (en meer over de geschiedenis van Aruba) by Evert Bongers.

Episode 143 - Manaure of the Caquetios

Manaure was our legendary great chief of the South-Western Caribben and North-West main land area, what today is Venezuela. A great strategist and strong nation warrior statesman. He lived in a very large town called Todariquiba, located nearby the banks of a river by the name of Rio Mitare, in Northwestern Venezuela. This Mitare River flows through a dry Paraguana xeric scrub ecoregion*, dividing then into the Pedregal and Paraíso rivers which empties both into the gulf of Coro in the Caribbean.

Native legends mentions Manaure as an inteligent and brave person, who upon obtaining the position of Cacique, was conferred legal, magical and of spiritual convictions, he was the only one to hold such important type of chiefdom compaired to what was common in those days in Europe. He was carried in special made hammock throne litters by his warrios. He was described as having an overwhelming personality, im-



peccable conduct, inordinate power of shrewd understanding and strong character. He recognized in those times as a "man of his word" because what he said he did. He wrote his name in history, as he was one of the few indigenous monarchs (caciques) in South America to negotiate with the Spanish colonization in the early 16th century. Manaure came into contact with the Spaniards around 1523 through his Vassal Caciques, who informed Juan Martín de Ampíes, who was in Aruba at the time, of the interest in peace negotiations for the mutual agreement of the two parties in the region. Thus, through his emissaries, Manaure established an alliance with Ampies. Ampies had to suffer in his own flesh, the sale of slaves and indigenous people among merchants from Santo Domingo. In this situation, 150 of the indigenous people and some relatives of Manaure found themselves kidnapped to be sold as slaves in 1525. Thanks to the diplomatic relations between the two parties, Ampies managed to rescue, together with his agent, a good number of indigenous people, including all the relatives of Manaure.

Grateful, Manaure sealed the first alliance, than later Baptized by Ampies with the name of "Martín" and thus followed by the Foundation of the City of Santa Ana de Coro in Venezuela - on July 26, 1527 in the name of the Spanish Chatolic Crown. This area has been an enormus productive trade zone long berfore old world colonization started.



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But the good relations with the Spanish would soon end when King Charles the V in 1528, faced with the debts he had contracted with the German bankers, Breached his contractual agreement with Manaure and decided to cede the administration of the province to the Welser House of Augsburg, things turned sour. Augsburg who had no respect for the already existing alliance appointed a new governor a few years later, Ambrosio Alfinger, who initiated an important indigenous depopulation masacre in the province. This was also the end of all prosperity in the region.

The Germans seize canoes and all that were property of the nation and that of Manaure, who, upon claiming them, is imprisoned. While Ampies was expelled and stripped of all his position, he would later return to Curaçao and Aruba in support of Manaures campaing. Some time later, Manaure was released and forced to leave for some (250-300 km) away from Coro, taking refuge with his family. He started a gerilla campaign against the Germans who all ready had mercenaries on his search. He was ambushed and executed one site in 1549 in one of the numerous battle against the Conquistador mercenaries, in what is now the City of El Tocuyo.

Our goal is to raise cultural awareness, promote education and safeguard our heritage as the sacred mother seed guiding you to be the next guardian of the island. If you love Aruba its origins and its cultural heritage, be part of the exclusive visitors of this cozy home-atelier called "Etnia Nativa". This private residential houses collections of native art, archaeological artifacts and historic furniture, while the facilities themselves are the result of the transformation of recycled materials. Meet the acclaimed columnist at home! Book your visit Whatsapp + 297 592 2702- or mail: etnianativa03@gmail.com

Aruban legends:

Frenchman's Pass

(Oranjestad)—If you ever plan on taking a group tour of the island, you may pass through the Frenchman's Pass in Balashi. The Frenchman's pass (known to locals as "Franse Pas") remains a mysterious—and spooky—road of which its legend is told from generation to generation.

The history of the Frenchman's pass—and how it got its name—dates back to the colonization era, when the French tried to colonize the island, but were met with an angry mob of indigenous settlers, refusing to give up their land. However, as the French were heavily equipped with fire arms, the indigenous settlers began to retreat, and hid away in nearby caves. The French colonizers tried to smoke them out of the caves, but the indigenous settlers ended up inhaling too much smoke and most died in those caves. From then on, this passage was

known as Frenchman's Pass, and there have been many accounts of spirits roaming the area of Spanish Lagoon.

There are many ghost stories surrounding this area, but one of the most famous one involves a lonely hitchhiker, trying to find a ride back home in the dark rainy night.

Sometime after trying to hitchhike, the man saw a car approaching, appearing almost ghost-like in the rain. However, since he needed a ride real bad, he didn't think twice and jumped in. But to his horror, he noticed that the there was no driver in the front. Paralyzed with fear, he didn't dare to get out, and the car started to move.

When approaching a sharp turn, the hitch hiker braced for impact, but just when he though the car might drive straight off the road and crash, he saw a hand appear



out the window and turn the wheel. For the next few turns, the hand appeared again. After having had enough, the man decided to jump out and he ran to Santa Cruz.

Arriving at a nearby bar, he ordered a drink and began to tell everyone about his experience. Everyone grew quiet, because they realized

he wasn't some drunk messing around; he was telling the truth.

Sometime later, two men walked into the bar and one of them noticed the hitchhiker. He called out to his buddy and said: "Look, there's the idiot who sat in our car when we were pushing it!"

French man's pass is one of the few sites on the island that keeps the locals on their toes. While most ghost stories may not have real grounds—or some may even be a set up story for a joke, this pass contributes a lot to our culture of folkloric storytelling.

Source: visitaruba.com

The Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins and its history

(Oranjestad)—The Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins is one of the most visited places by tourists on the island, as it lies along the northern coast line near the mini pool and on the way to the Natural Bridge. Despite its seemingly plain

appearance, this ruin represents one of the most important histories of the island: The Aruban Gold Rush.

Built in 1872 by English company Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd, the gold

mill at Bushiribana was constructed in the area where most gold was found by locals. The story of gold on Aruba actually dates back to 1725, when a first exploration for gold on the island was commissioned by the

Dutch West India Company. Under the leadership of Mr. Paulus Printz, a three-year search was conducted on Aruba, to no avail. Though they found some gold, it was enough to motivate a further search, and the assignment was discontinued by Printz himself.

It wasn't until 100 years later, in 1824, when a young boy found a lump of gold while out herding his father's sheep. His father took it to a local merchant who then sold the lump for \$70. Unbeknownst to the boy and his father, they quite literally struck gold, and as word got out, a gold fever spread among the locals who started searching for more gold. About 25 pounds worth was found.

At the same time, the Aruban government took immediate actions, and informed Curacao that gold was found. At first, everyone could look for gold, as long as they sold it to the government. However, after some time, the govern-

ment decided to implement stricter rules and banned local search parties.

Over the years, concessionholding had seen different companies from around the world, all of which used primitive methods to dig and carve out gold from the rocks. Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. was no different, but used a unique method that involved grinding the rocks and letting the dust be blown away by the strong northeast wind, leaving clumps of gold behind. The next step was meltina the gold and letting it attach to quicksilver in order to obtain pure gold. All these processes were done at the Bushiribana Gold Mill.

The gold mill itself had a short life-span: only 10 years in service, but its structure remained relatively solid till this day, and is now a historical remnant.

Sources: Etnia Nativa & goldmineranch.com.





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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than underprepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat pronas; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Electrical power



The water that through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



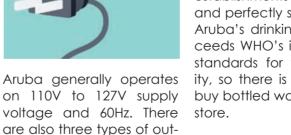
Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your

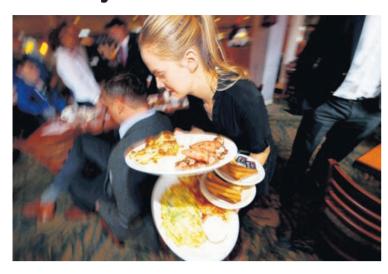
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Restaurant critic's departure reveals potential hazards of the job



A waitress carries breakfast dishes to customers at a restaurant on Jan. 20, 2017, in east Denver.

Associated Press

By DEE-ANN DURBIN AP Business Writer

Restaurant critics appear to have the best job in journalism, enjoying meals a few nights a week on someone else's dime.

But New York Times restaurant critic Pete Wells had painted a more complicated picture. In a recent column, Wells announced he's leaving the beat because the constant eating has led to obesity and other health problems.

"Intellectually, it was still really stimulating, but my body started to rebel and say, 'Enough is enough,'" Wells told The Associated Press. "I just had to come face to face with the reality that I can't metabolize food the way I used to, I can't metabolize alcohol the way I used to and I just don't need to eat as much

as I did even 10 years ago." To write a review, food critics usually make two or three visits to a restaurant and bring a handful of dining companions so they can taste as many dishes as possible. If the restaurant has a special focus on wine or cocktails or desserts, they try those, too.

"You have to sample the full range of the menu," said Ligaya Figueras, the senior food editor and lead dining critic for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "If I really felt like a salad today, I can't just have the salad." Special features, like lists of the best places to get pizzas or hamburgers, may have critics eating the same fare for weeks. MacKenzie Chung Fegan, a restaurant critic for the San Francisco Chronicle, sampled Peking duck all over

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Xander the Great! Schauffele wins the British Open for his 2nd major this year

By DOUG FERGUSON **AP Golf Writer** TROON, Scotland (AP) —

Xander Schauffele won the British Open on Sunday for his second major of the year, delivering a masterpiece at Royal Troon with a 6-under 65 to overcome a two-shot deficit and give the Americans a sweep of the four majors for the first time since 1982.

Schauffele, who faced questions at the start of the season whether he could win a major, now has two of them with the brand of golf that hasn't been seen in 90 years of the four ma-

He won the PGA Championship at Valhalla by making a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a 65. In a final round at Royal Troon set up for big drama — six players one shot behind, nine players separated by three shots — Schauffele made a tense Sunday look like a nice walk along the Irish Sea.

"I think winning the first one helped me a lot today on the back nine. I had some feeling of calmness come through. It was very helpful on what has been one of the hardest back nines I've ever played in a tournament," Schauffele said.

"It's a dream come true to win two majors in one year," he said. "It took me forever just to win one, and to have two now is something else."

He is the first player to win two majors with closing rounds of 65 in the same year. Jack Nicklaus is the only other player to do it in his career.

And he never looked more calm, oozing that cool California vibe even as the wind presented so much trouble at Royal Troon. Schauffele said he told caddie and longtime friend Austin Kaifelt calm.

"He said he was about to puke on the 18th tee," Schauffele said.

There was no need to



Xander Schauffele of the United States holds the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Troon golf club in Troon, Scotland, Sunday, July 21, 2024.

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a birdie when everyone around him started strong. He played bogey-free in a chilly wind and pulled away with three birdies in a four-hole stretch early on the back nine to go from two shots behind to leading by as many as three.

He won by two shots over American Billy Horschel and Justin Rose, the 43-year-old from England who had to go through 36-hole qualifying just to get into the field. They were among four players who had at least a share of the lead at one point Sunday.

They just couldn't keep up with Schauffele. No one could

in contention early, the ensilver claret jug.

off the Firth of Clyde and jors after his 2013 U.S. Open 3 feet for birdie. He hit anpanic, even when it took punishing nature of the win. Schauffele six holes to make Ayrshire links, Schauffele's "Gutted when I walked for birdie on the 13th, and

65 ranks among the great closing rounds in British Open history. He left no doubt where it stood in his own career.

"At the very tip-top," Schauffele said. "Best round I've played."

Playing in the third-to-last group, he matched the round of the championship with a score that was just over eight shots better than the field average.

The 30-year-old from San Diego became the first player since Jordan Spieth in 2015 to win his first two majors in the same season. And he extended American dominance on this Scottish links as the seventh Even with so many players Open champion in the last eight visits to Royal Troon.

work early on those 16 let- it was only good for second ters across the base of the place. He had a chance to set a record by going the rough on the difficult 11th Given the wind, heavy air longest time between ma-

off the course and it hit me hard because I was so strong out there today," Rose said. "Xander got it going. I hit a couple of really good putts that didn't fall, and then suddenly that lead stretched. I left it all out there. I'm super proud of how I competed."

Horschel, who started the final round with a one-shot lead in his bid to win his first major, dropped back around the turn and birdied his last three holes for a

The player Schauffele had to track down was Thriston Lawrence of South Africa, who birdied three of four holes to end the front nine with a 32.

Schauffele was two shots so suddenly. Schauffele hit a wedge out of the left and judged it perfectly to other wedge to 15 feet

capped his pivotal run with a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-3 14th.

Lawrence finally dropped a shot on the 12th and didn't pick up any shots the rest of the day. He closed with a 68 and earned a small consolation — a trip to the Masters next April, his first time to Augusta National.

Scottie Scheffler, who got within one shot of the lead briefly on the front nine, lost his way with a three-putt from 6 feet for a double bogey on the ninth hole. Scheffler finished his round by topping a tee shot on the 18th and making another double bogey. The world's No. 1 player closed with a 72 and tied for sev-

He stuck around to share a hug with Schauffele, the two top players in golf. Schauffele was the only player this year to finish in the top 10 in all four majors. Schauffele went from the heaviest major trophy at the PGA Championship to the smallest and oldest, the famed claret jug that he will keep for a year. The only question left was the first drink to be poured from the jug.

Schauffele said he would leave that to his father, Stefan, who missed the PGA Championship but was at Royal Troon along with the whole family.

He finished at 9-under 275 and earned \$3.1 million, pushing him over \$15 million for the season. The last player to win two majors in a year was Brooks Koepka in 2018.

"He has a lot of horsepower," Rose said of Schauffele. "He's good with a wedge, he's great with a putter, he hits the ball a long way, obviously his iron play is strong. So he's got a lot of weapons out there. I think probably one of his most unapser on the 18th tee that he graver was able to get to Rose closed with a 67 and behind when it all changed preciated ones is his mentality. He's such a calm guy out there.

> "I don't know what he's feeling, but he certainly makes it look very easy."



Tadej Pogacar celebrates his 3rd Tour de France victory in style with another audacious stage win

By JEROME PUGMIRE **AP Sports** Writer

Tadei Pogacar had no need to attack on the final stage of the Tour de France. Defending a lead of more than five minutes in Sunday's time trial, he was set to comfortably win the race for the third time and first time in three years, anyway.

But defense has not been in his vocabulary during this race and he simply could not resist another attack.

With his main rival Jonas Vingegaard unable to challenge him, Pogacar celebrated his Tour victory in style with a dominant win in the time trial ending in Nice for the 17th stage win of his already illustrious Tour career.

The 25-year-old Slovenian rider also became the first cyclist to secure the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France in the same year since the late Marco Pantani in 1998. "To win both together is another level above," said Pogacar, who rides for UAE Team Emirates. "I think this is the first Grand Tour where I was totally confident every day. Even at the Giro I remember I had one bad day. This year, the Tour was just amazing. I was enjoying it from day one."

The two-time defending champion Vingegaard of Denmark was second overall. He also finished the 21st and final stage in second place.

Pogacar won the 34-kilometer (21-mile) time trial on the French Riviera's roads from Monaco to Nice in 45 minutes, 24 seconds. Vingegaard was 1 minute, 3 seconds behind him and Belgian rider Remco Evenepoel 1:14 back in third spot.

In the overall standings, Vingegaard finished 6:17 behind Pogacar and Evenepoel was third overall, 9:18 behind Pogacar — whose other Tour wins came in 2020 and 2021.

"I'm super happy. I cannot describe how happy I am after two hard years in the Tour de France," Pogacar said. "This year everything (was) perfection."



Tour de France winner Slovenia's Tadej Pogacar, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, celebrates as he crosses the finish line of the twenty-first stage of the Tour de France cycling race, an individual time trial over 33.7 kilometers (20.9 miles) with start in Monaco and finish in Nice, France, Sunday, July 21,

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is as it usually does because of the Olympic Games. Nice mayor Christian Estrosi called the region between From early Sunday morn-

The race did not finish in Par- the Mediterranean Sea and the southern French Alps "perfect cycling territory."

ing, fans camped along the popular Promenade des Anglais in Nice to guard a spot that would offer the best glimpse of cyclists.

Some fans chanted "Remco, Remco" as the raceagainst-the-clock specialist zoomed past them.

They may have been surprised to see Pogacar going flat out.

After his explosive attack on Friday, Pogacar said he would not try to win Saturday's stage. Yet he still won it to become the second man to clinch five mountain stages in one Tour after Italian rider Gino Bartali in 1948.

Pogacar led Vingegaard overnight by 5 minutes, 14 seconds. But the lure of another stage win proved too

strong and he flew down the winding roads past picturesque Èze and Villefranche-sur-Mer on the approach to Nice, where the route flattened out again. Pogacar held out three fingers as the finish line and a sixth stage win approached on this year's Tour — the same number of stages he won when dominating the Giro d'Italia.

It was Pogacar's biggest winning margin of his three Tour wins — beating the 5:20 gap on Vingegaard three years ago, but below the 7:29 victory margin Vingegaard enjoyed over Pogacar last year.

The battle with Vingegaard was not as close as it might have been in different circumstances.







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